(b) by when Navodaya Vidyalayas would be started in those districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) There are three districts in Uttaranchal namely (1) Pithoragarh (2) Begeshwar and (3) Pauri Garhwal where Navodaya Vidyalas have not yet been opened. The Navodaya Vidyalayas are opened on receipt of the proposal from State Government offering land and suitable infrastructure for immediate starting of the school. Such proposals in respect of the above Districts have not been received.

**Central Schools in Himachal Pradesh**

3194. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Schools running in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of students supposed to be in each class of these schools, as per rules;

(c) whether the number of students in schools in remote areas is very less; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to solve this prblem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Kendriya Vidyalayas are not opened District-wise/Panchayat-wise. They are opened at places having concentration of transferable Central Government employees. Subject to the provision of infrastructural facilities by the sponsoring authorities and availability of funds. At present, there are 19 Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State of Himachal Pradesh, a list thereof is attached as statement. (*See* below)

(b) Normally, a section of a class has 30—35 students.

(c) and (d) Enrolment depeneds on the availability of children in an area. The schools, which have less enrolment, have been asked to issue advertisements intimating availability of vacancies in different classes so as to attract more children.

***Statement***

*List of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Himachal Pradesh*

| Sl. No. | Name of Kendriya Vidyalaya | Sector | District |
|---|---|---|---|
| 01. | Hamirpur | Civil | Hamirpur |
| 02. | Nadaun | Civil | Hamirpur |
| 03. | 14. GTC Subathu | Defence | Solan |
| 04. | AFS Kasauli | Defence | Solan |
| 05. | Shimla | Civil | Shimla |
| 06. | Jutogh | Defence | Shimla |
| 07. | ITBP Sarhan | Civil | Shimla |
| 08. | Neleti | Civil | Kangra |
| 09. | Dharamshala Cantt | Defence | Kangra |
| 10. | Palampur | Defence | Kangra |
| 11. | Yol Cantt. | Defence | Kangra |
| 12. | Bhanala | Civil | Kangra |
| 13. | Alhilal | Defence | Kangra |
| 14. | Mandi | Civil | Mandi |
| 15. | NHPC Chamera No. 1 | Project | Chamba |
| 16. | NHPC Chamera No. 2 | Project | Chamba |
| 17. | Dalhousie at Banikhet | Civil | Chamba |
| 18. | Bakloh | Defence | Chamba |
| 19. | NHPC Parbati Project, Sainj | Project | Kullu |

**Strategy for female literacy**

3195. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what strategies Government have adopted to improve female literacy in the country; and